

THE

## REHEARSAL.

1. The *Observator* go's the Farther in the Deeper, in *Treason* against the *Queen*.
2. I have no Personal Prejudice to him, but *Love* to my *Country*.
3. Former *Rebellions* are now Recommended, particularly that of the *Barons*, who are call'd *Noble Patriots*.
4. They were the greatest *Enemies* to *England*. They gave *three Counties* to the *Scots* to help them in their *Rebellion*. And Chose *Lewis of France* for their *King*.
5. The *Presbyterian Barons* Copy'd after them.
6. The *Observator* *Scolds* at me, to see if he can make me *Scold*.
7. He says I hold but *One Error* in the *Church of Rome*, because I said that ther is *One* which *Supports the Rest*.
8. His abominable *Insolence* in saying, That *K. Will. Q. Mary* and *Q. Anne* Join'd with *Pope Innocent xi.* to *Depose* their *Father*.
9. His putting it upon me will not Help him, for he can shew no such Words of Mine. And to say I *Meant* it, is *Ridiculous*. That wou'd be an *Easy Excuse* for any *Scandal*. So that it is *All his own*.

SATURDAY, October 23. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* Instead of *Opposing* the *Observator*, I profess,

*Master*, I begin to *Pi-*

*ny* him. I see not how ever he'll get off from that *Charge of Treason* you have *Exhibited* against him. He pleads the *Charter* of King *John* as *Law*, and for *Coercion*, and says, That those *Liberties* (which he granted to the *Barons*) were never deny'd but in *Times of Tyranny and Usurpation*. To this when you had told him they were *Deny'd* at this day, that they were *Treason* by the *Law* now at this Time; And that this Assertion of his wou'd infer, that this very *Time* was a *Time of Tyranny and Usurpation*, Therefore did warn him of the *Danger* and *Cau-*  
*tion'd* him to *Advance* no more such *Treasonable Positions*: But he stands *Bluff*, and will not *Give Back an Inch*! Nay, he brings it nearer *Home* to her *Majesty* still, and urges her own *Example* when she was *Princess*, as a *Proof* of his *Doctrine*, and to *Justify Coercion* over her self now that she is *Possess'd* of the *Crown*! For this you gave him due *Cor-*  
*rection* in your last, and have so turn'd the *Argument* upon him, that I cannot see for my *Life* which way he can *Extricate* himself! He is in for *Cakes and Ale*— *Over Shoes over Boots*. You have so *Wier-drawn* him with your *Arguments*, from one thing to another, that he has *Plung'd* himself over *Head and Ears*, and now, *The farther in the Deeper*— I hope you mean no *Prejudice* to his *Person*.

(2.) *Rehearsal. No, Country-man.* I wish no *Personal Prejudice* to him or any body else. My *Business* is only to *Battle Principles*, and to *save* the poor *People*, if I can, from being led like *Fools* to the *Correction* of the *Stocks*; to be *Perswaded* by such *Treasonable Princi-*

*ples* as now *fly abroad*, to *Destroy* their own *Happiness*, and being led into *Sediti-*  
*on*, to *Worry* and *Devour* one another, to *Preserve* their *Liberties* and *Properties*!

(3.) To carry on this *Design*, the former *Rebellions* are *Muster'd* up and *Commended*. Particularly that of the *Barons*, who are *Repre-*  
*sented* to the *People* as *Noble Patriots*, the *Assertors* of their *Rights*; and the *Curb* of *Tyranny*! And the *Charter* they *Extorted* from King *John* with their *Swords* at his *Throat*, is now call'd the *Magna Charta* of our *Liberties* (to *Rebell*) and which, the *Observa-*  
*tor* says, are never *Deny'd* but in *times of Tyrany and Usurpation*.

Now to open the *Eyes* of the *People* a lit-  
*tle*, it will not be amiss to give them a *Scatch* of their *Worthy Patriots* the *Barons*, and by what *Ways and Means* they wrought themselves into that *Power* to *Distress* their *Kings* at the *Rate* they did, and to obtain such *Charters* from them.

(4.) Know then, O my *Deluded Country-*  
*men*, That these *Barons*, to *strengthen* them-  
*selves*, enter'd into a *Confederacy* with *Alex-*  
*ander the III. King of Scots*, to whom, in *Consideration* of the *Assistance* he was to give them against their own *Lawful King*, they assign'd the *three Counties of Northum-*  
*berland, Westmorland, and Cumberland*. And *Mr. Rymer*, in his *second Letter* to the *Bi-*  
*shop of Carlile*, tells us, there is *Extant* an *Inventory of Charters* made by order of *Alex-*  
*ander the III. King of Scots*, amongst which are these *Three*, viz. A *Confederacy* between the *Barons* and the *King of Scots*. 2d. An *Assignment* of *Northumberland, Westmorland*, and *Cumberland* by the *Barons* to the *King of Scots*. And the *third*, a *Confirmation* of the

the said Grant of the Barons by Lewis Son of the French King, whom they had chose for their King.

Country-m. A Thousand Thanks to you for this Master. Now let me see who dare name the Barons to me, but as a Company of Whiggs and Traitors! O Villains! What! Sell the Nation! Give away whole Counties by their own Authority to the King's Enemies! Nay, give the whole Kingdom to the French King's Son, that is, to France! Are these the Noble Patriots! The Assertors of the Rights and Liberties of the People of England! And must the Charters they For'e'd from their Kings by these Means, granting Coercion over Themselves, be now put upoa us for Law, and as the standing Rule of Government, even to this Queen, that if she will not Confirm these Charters, she must be a Tyrant and an Usurper to the Whiggs! Are these the Loyal Men, and her Best subjects!

(5.) Rehears. How much was this more than the Presbyterian Barons did, in putting themselves under the Protection of the French King against King Char. I. And their Inviting the King and Queen of Bohemia to Usurp upon their Father and their Brother? Of both of which Noble Plots I have told you before. See Vol. 3. N. 25.

Country-m. They're all Alike. And the One may very well serve as a Precedent for the Other. The Popish Barons to the Presbyterian Barons! Are they not Asham'd to Quote them?

Put them in a Bag and Shake them,  
Your self o'th Sudden wou'd Mistake them.

Rehears. Well Country-man, have you done with the Observator yet? That I may go to something else.

(6.) Country-m. I must Encroach a little more upon you, Master, to say something to his Num. 62. Ther are Strokes in it very Remarkable. First he Charges you with Bilinggate.

Rehears. That cannot be. For he says Nothing that Angers me. I Play with him, and he Snarles at me. But some that don't Read the Rehearsals may think that I fall into his Language.

(7.) Country-m. He spends almost two long Columns in Naming several Errors of the Church of Rome, and says you hold but One, that is the Popes Supremacy. Therefore you're a Papist!

Rehears. I said the Supremacy was that which kept under the Bishops of the Church of Rome from Reforming of their other Errors, of which I Nam'd several. And therefore that the Supremacy was the Chief Point to be Inflicted upon, as that which supports all the Rest. I answer'd this before. And it is so Silly, I will say no more to't.

(8.) Country-m. Then, Master, Prepare for a Home Thrust at you! I profel's it made all the Blood in my Body come into my Face! He says, That in yours of the 4th last Month, you Spit your Venom on the Ashes of the late King William and Queen Mary, of Glorious Memory, and on the Face of her present Majesty— That they Join'd with Pope Innocent XI. to Depose their Father— And that they will Join

with the Pope or the Devil, to Depose their King. Bless me! Thought I, my Master is gone now! How cou'd he be so Indiscreet to talk at this Rate! And I cou'd not fud the Impudence to Quote him falsy! Therefore I ran to the Coffee House, and look'd Rehearsal, where to my great Joy (and of the Observator) I found not one Word of what he had said, you never so much as Nam'd, upon any Account whatever, either Innocent XI. K. W. Q. M. or Q. Anne. And he Redoubles his Thrust, and says, That if such Traiterous Insolence p'st Unpunish'd, there are some who Eat her Majesty's Bread, that don't Deserve it. This is beyond Snarling, it is Biting with a Vengeance, Master!

Rehears. No, Country-man, it is but Snapping as Mad-Dogs do. I was Charging Pope with Abetting Treasons, and sometimes even Assisting Sons to Depose their Fathers. And hardly any that Read it cou'd avoid thinking of that Famous Instance of the Emperor Hen. V. who was Instigated by the Pope to Rebel against his Father Hen. IV. and to Depose him. Which he did, having first procur'd a Decree of the States against his Father, and then he Succeeded him, and Persecuted him all his Life after. But the Observator will have it meant of no body but of K. Will. Q. Mary, and Q. Anne, and that the Pope Innocent XI. (whom I never Nam'd) Set them on work, and Assisted them to Depose their Father! I will not say what is Due to so Bold a Reflection as this— But I'm glad I did not make it.

(9.) Country-m. This Observator minds me of Tutchin his, Predecessor, Who wou'd always be Explaining your Meaning, Master! Whatever Ill thing you Mention'd, he wou'd swear you Meant K. Will. and the Revolution by it Nay, tho' you Nam'd Oliver, and Apply'd it to him. No Matter for that— He was sure you Meant Somebody else, and he wou'd Apply it! And by this Means, Run himself into Twenty Treasons! And sometimes you wou'd lay Traps for him, and say beforehand, now for a Wager the Observator Bits at this. And he seldom Miss'd! And he has got one to fill his Room! But that you Mr. present Observator, fall not into this Mistake any More, I will tell you (without a Fee) That he who Applies makes the Scandal. If I say, a Rogue, and you say I Meant such a one, you may be Prosecuted for Scandal. And You only are Answerable. So look to it Hereafter. You have fair Warning.

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